House Resolution No. 4473

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

Whereas, a period of five wondrous decades has passed since Ray Meyer lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Deloris Welch, during a solemn ceremony on July 31, 1957, in Vandalia, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Ray and Deloris Meyer have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include their children and their spouses, Terry and Rosemary Conrow, Gale and Ralph Knight, Deborah Meyer and Rex McKern, Donald and Kathy Meyer, and David and Vicki Meyer; seven grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; and six step-great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Ray Meyer has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes toiling as a farmer in rural Bowling Green, working at the Dollar General Store in Louisiana, and volunteering with Meals-On-Wheels; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Deloris Meyer further distinguished herself by helping her husband on the farm; working at the Dollar General Store in Bowling Green, from which she retired following eleven and one-half years as store manager; and volunteering with the 4-H Club and the St. Clement Home and School Organization; and

Whereas, Ray and Deloris Meyer derive a tremendous amount of spiritual fulfillment through their affiliation with St. Clement Catholic Church, a place of worship that has special meaning to them as cherished members; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Meyer of rural Bowling Green commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration hosted by their loved ones on July 29, 2007:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Ray and Deloris Meyer and in wishing them only the very best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Ray Meyer.

Offered by _______ Representative Terry L. Witte District No. 10

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4473, adopted August 16, 2007.